

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1-43 (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~accessing or requesting and~~ receiving information stored in electronic or other form, the method comprising the steps of
~~the method comprising the use of alpha-numeric codes at a host system, classifying~~
information according to subject terms and encoding subject terms with codes,
~~wherein the codes comprise~~each code comprises one or more alpha-numeric sub-codes in a hierarchical structure,
~~and wherein the sub-codes and/or codes are used to identify, describe, define, classify or~~
~~encode a description of the content of said information.~~
storing said codes and information or links associated with said codes in a database;
entering a code into a user's communications device;
transmitting the code to the host system;
at the host system, recognizing the code as a request for information,
parsing the code and retrieving information from one or more databases or servers,
using the information or links associated with the code, and
transmitting the retrieved information to the user's communications device.
45. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein a code comprising n sub-codes provide for n levels in the hierarchical structure.
46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein the sub-codes are numeric.
47. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein said sub-codes comprise a two digit code.
48. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein all of said sub-codes have the same data structure.
49. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein the codes include a sequence of one or more of said numeric or alpha-numeric sub-codes.

50. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 47, wherein the codes comprise a sequence of two digit sub-codes.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 44, wherein the sub-codes ~~and/or~~ codes are used to navigate to desired or associated links or information.

53. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein each of the sub-codes at each level of the hierarchical structure is associated with a certain subject-term.

54. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein the codes consist solely of a combination of said sub-codes.

55. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein information assigned a particular code relates either:

i) to the subject-term associated with said particular code if the code includes a single sub-code; or

ii) to all subject-terms associated with all sub-codes of said particular code if the code includes more than one sub-code.

56. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 44, wherein one or more of said codes are distributed together with information ~~and/or~~ products.

57. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein an indexing function is provided at each level of said hierarchical structure.

58. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 57, wherein at each level of said hierarchical structure data related to subject-terms associated with the sub-codes are available upon entering a particular sub-code.

59. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 53, wherein one or more of the sub-codes are converted into the associated subject-terms.

60. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 44, wherein codes complemented by subject-terms are used to search for, access or receive information.

Claims 61-91 (Canceled)

92. (New) A host system for providing information stored in electronic or other form, the system comprising

means for classifying information according to subject terms;

means for encoding subject terms with codes,
wherein each code comprises one or more alpha-numeric sub-codes in a hierarchical structure,
means for storing codes and information or links associated with said codes in a database;
means for receiving a code from a user's communications device;
means for recognising the code as a request for information,
means for parsing the code;
means for retrieving information from one or more databases or servers by using the information or links associated with the code, and
means for transmitting the retrieved information to the user's communications device.

93. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein a code comprising n sub-codes provide for n levels in the hierarchical structure.

94. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein said sub-codes comprise a two digit code.

95. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein said sub-codes comprise a two digit code.

96. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein all of said sub-codes have the same data structure.

97. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein the codes include a sequence of one or more of said numeric or alpha-numeric sub-codes.

98. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein the codes include a sequence of two digit sub-codes.

99. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein the sub-codes and/or codes are used to navigate to desired or associated links or information.

100. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein each of the sub-codes at each level of the hierarchical structure is associated with a certain subject-term.

101. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein the codes consist solely of a combination of said sub-codes.

102. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein information assigned a particular code relates either:

- i) to the subject-term associated with said particular code if the code includes a single sub-code; or
- ii) to all subject-terms associated with all sub-codes of said particular code if the code includes more than one sub-code.

103. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein one or more of said codes are distributed together with information and/or products.

104. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein an indexing function is provided at each level of said hierarchical structure.

105. (New) A system according to claim 104, wherein at each level of said hierarchical structure data related to subject-terms associated with the sub-codes are available upon entering a particular sub-code.

106. (New) A system according to claim 100, wherein one or more of the sub-codes are converted into the associated subject-terms.

107. (New) A system according to claim 92, wherein codes complemented by subject-terms are used to search for, access or receive information.